

- iv) Please replace the Abstract on page 24, with the following rewritten abstract:

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A Linear composition and method for a linear or crosslinked cationic polyelectrolyte ~~characterized in that it is obtained by, involving~~ copolymerization of at least one cationic monomer with at least one neutral monomer and at least one nonionic surfactant monomer. ~~a self-reversible invert latex; their use as a thickener for cosmetic or pharmaceutical compositions, as a thickener for printing pastes for the textile industry, as a thickener for industrial or household detergents, as additives for the assisted recovery of petroleum, as a rheology modifier for drilling mud.~~